

Remarks/Arguments:

By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 6, 7, and 8. Applicants have also added new claims 13-22.

Newly Added Claims

New claims 13 and 14 are independent claims. Claim 13 is essentially cancelled claim 1 incorporating cancelled claim 7. Claim 7 has been found by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter. Therefore, new claim 13 and dependent claims 2-5 and 9-12 are in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 14 is essentially the combination of cancelled claim 1 and cancelled claim 8. The Examiner has also found that claim 8 includes allowable subject matter. Thus, new claim 14 and dependent claims 15-22 are in condition for allowance. New dependent claims 15-22 are essentially the same as dependent claims 2-5 and 9-12.

Claim Rejection Under Section 103

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bultman. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of Applicants' cancellation of claim 1 and amending claims 2-5 so that they are now dependent on claim 13. Because claim 13 includes subject matter found allowable by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-5 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-5 and 9-22 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all

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pending claims are respectfully requested.

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